

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 267

BY SENATOR CARTER

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Isaac G. Joseph.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the citizens of Louisiana learned of the death of Isaac G. Joseph, on June 3, 2019, at the age of sixty-four; and

WHEREAS, Isaac Joseph was Jefferson Parish's first African-American school superintendent, leading the state's largest school district from 2015 to 2018; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure in the Jefferson Parish Public School System he also worked as a veteran educator, dean of student services, principal, assistant superintendent of human resources, and executive director of grants and federal programs in which he was responsible for overseeing twenty million dollars in federal grants; and

WHEREAS, Isaac Joseph successfully implemented a system policy that gave principals choice in staff selection and developed a skilled workforce in the Jefferson Parish Public School System; and

WHEREAS, he was often called a "gentle giant" because he stood over six feet tall and had a magnetic personality that drew kids toward him; many others also consider him a good role model for black educators; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, the National Council on Educating Black Children named Isaac Joseph the Educator of the Year, in 1987 and 1989 he was chosen as the Waggaman School Teacher of the Year, and he received the Martin Luther King Jr. plaque from the MLK Task Force for his work sponsoring student activities in Jefferson Parish schools; and

WHEREAS, Isaac Joseph held a master's degree +30 graduate hours, having completed all coursework toward a doctoral degree in educational leadership from the University of New Orleans, and from Southern University in Baton Rouge he earned a Master of Education in Guidance and Counseling and a Bachelor of Science in Health and Physical Education; and

WHEREAS, Isaac Joseph is survived by his wife, Faith Joseph, three sons and two daughters who will treasure his memories.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere condolences upon the death of Isaac G. Joseph.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Isaac Joseph's wife, Faith Joseph.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE